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**PĀANUI**  
Te Wahanga tua tahi mo te wiki tuaono  
Tokohia ngā tamariki: 70



10th March 2026

Kia ora e te whanau,

Although the morning started off cooler, the day warmed so we could enjoy the Swimming Sports at the town pools last Friday. It was great to see many whaanau enjoy the day. There were many moments during the day that impressed staff. It was fantastic to see students having a go at events they hadn't tried before. A team will be selected to represent the kura at the interschools this Friday. We are hopeful of a fine day to encourage a great performance.

We had a presentation from Claymark last Wednesday where they handed over a 'large cheque' for \$5000.00 to the kura to put towards a special project. Now that we have the funds in the bank, our students and staff here at the kura can start to plan out details and work in partnership with our local High School.

Just a reminder whaanau, please check that your child has their shirts and sweatshirts named. Some tend to take them off during the day and forget where they left them. Sometimes they end up being picked up by someone else who also misplaced their own.

We're keeping busy here at the kura. The change in temperature means it's a lot cooler now. Let's continue to be careful in and around our community whaanau.

Heoi ano  
Kevin Ikin, Principal

Interschools Swimming Sports	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Immunization for senior students	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Last Day of Term One	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Easter Friday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
School starts for <u>Term 2</u>	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Anzac Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April

### Community Notices

***Interschools Swimming this Friday***  
*If you are going to the interschools - Swimming this Friday whaanau, are you able to spare a bit of time to help out Whaea Kylie on the kai table. It is our turn to provide kai for all the Marshalls at the event. Our kitchen manager at the kura will prepare kai for the day. We appreciate your support. It doesn't have to be for long during the day. Ngaa mihi whaanau.*

### Attendance:

Our daily attendance rates have been in the high 80's to early 90% mark over the past few weeks. To reach our tough target for the end of the year, we need to be in the mid to high 90% every week. Regular attendance is measured by a student being at school 90% or more of the time. Our target for Term 1 is having at least 73% of our students achieving this.

Last year, we achieved 66% of our students meeting this goal. If your child is going to be away for period of time, work with our kaiako so we can set tasks to help continue with their learning. This helps for when they return to kura. Thank you for keeping us in touch and contacting the kura when your tamariki are away.

### Upcoming Events this Term

**Centennial Park School** reviewing policies on a regular basis. If you wish to make comment on these policies, please let us know at the kura office. Policies are in place to safeguard all involved and prevent any potential issues. We welcome your feedback.

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### Review of School Policies:

#### **Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy**

Centennial Park School – Te Kura Rautau maintains a learning environment free of alcohol, **drugs, and other harmful substances** to provide a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We comply with all relevant New Zealand legislation and take a whole-school wellbeing approach to alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances.

If a student or staff member is potentially impaired by alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances while at school, work, or attending a school-related event, the school has an obligation to manage the risk to ensure the safety of everyone.

Staff are made aware of this policy as part of their staff induction and as required.

This policy also applies to anyone supervising students in any activity organised by, or on behalf of, the school (e.g. EOTC events).

Smoking and vaping are managed separately due to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990. For legislation and school policy around smoking and vaping, see **Smokefree and Vapefree**.

#### **Wellbeing approach to alcohol and drugs**

In keeping with our whole-school approach to student and staff wellbeing, Centennial Park School – Te Kura Rautau takes reasonable actions to protect our school community from the effects of alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances. We are guided by a harm minimisation approach (as recommended by the New Zealand National Drugs Policy 2015–2020 and international evidence), which is strengths-based and focuses on prevention, early intervention, health promotion, and education.

We offer proactive support by:

- educating students, staff, and the school community about alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances (e.g. through our curriculum and other educational programmes, as appropriate)
- keeping students engaged in their education and encouraging student involvement in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- providing pastoral care or engaging other support services, and encouraging students and staff to seek help if needed
- engaging with parents/caregivers of students if issues arise, as appropriate.

We follow our **Privacy Policy** at all times.

All staff should be aware of **signs of impairment** in order to encourage a positive, safe, and healthy school environment that focuses on the prevention of alcohol and substance misuse.

Our **Behaviour Management** policy also outlines our intention to promote positive student behaviour and de-escalate challenging behaviour.

## Policy requirements

At Centennial Park School – Te Kura Rautau, no-one should:

- consume or use alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances while on school grounds or during school-related activities
- attend school or school-related activities where there is a risk they are impaired due to having consumed or used alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances beforehand
- possess or supply alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances (including related items such as pipes) while on school grounds or during school-related activities.

We do not offer alcohol as a prize for fundraising activities, such as raffles, as this is prohibited under the Gambling (Prohibited Property) Regulations 2005. See [Prohibited property for gambling](#)

## Students

Students must follow the policy requirements while on school grounds or taking part in school activities, and while wearing school uniform. We have a separate policy to ensure student medication (prescription and non-prescription) is kept securely and taken appropriately. See [Medicines](#).

Students are encouraged to ask for help if they think they may have a problem with alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances. Students approaching the school at their own initiative and asking for help is not treated as a breach of the policy and will be dealt with under our [Responding to Student Wellbeing Concerns](#) policy.

## Staff

Staff must follow the policy requirements and maintain proper standards of integrity and conduct while on school grounds, carrying out their role, taking part in school-related activities, or while representing the school.

Staff must only use prescription and over-the-counter medication as directed and must:

- check whether there are any possible side effects that may cause impairment
- notify the principal (or their delegate) if using the medication may cause impairment
- cooperate with the school to seek information or medical advice about the effects of any prescribed medication and how to effectively manage this.

Any disclosures about risks of impairment in relation to medicine use are managed according to our [Personal Information](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

If a staff member thinks they may have an alcohol and/or drug problem that may affect their work, they are encouraged to ask for help as soon as possible. If a disclosure is made at the initiative of a staff member, this is generally treated differently from a breach of the policy requirements, but the board must still ensure that staff are fit to perform their role. Staff are made aware of the Voluntary Impairment Assessment available from the Teaching Council. We follow relevant legislation (Education and Training Act 2020 and Teaching Council Amendment Rules 2023) and our privacy guidelines at all times.

## Breaches

If a student or staff member breaches this policy, we follow the relevant procedures:

- [Student Breaches of the Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy](#)
- [Staff Breaches of the Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy](#)

A breach of this policy by any other person involved with the school (e.g. volunteers or members of the school community) is considered on a case-by-case basis by the board. Possible and known breaches are processed through the concerns and complaints process, and we are guided in our responses by the student and staff breaches policies and our community conduct expectations policy. See [Concerns and Complaints Policy](#) and [School Community Conduct Expectations](#).

**Centennial Park School Values**  
**Ngā Uara**



**Wairua Hihiko** - (Innovation) their creativity, imagination and flair for innovation

**Panekiretanga** - (Excellence) in all they apply themselves to

**Mana Tangata** - Pride in their identity, resilience when faced with challenges and adversity, enduring respect and care for hapū and iwi, integrity of character and as an individual

**Maniapototanga** – versed in the whakapapa, waiata, karakia, histories of Maniapoto



## Swimming Sports at Te Kūiti Pools Last Friday 6 March 2026



# READING TO RUBY

AT THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LIBRARY



## MEET RUBY

Ruby is a Toy Poodle x Shih Tzu! She is 1 ½ years old!

Ruby adores meeting new people and sharing cuddles!

## HOW IT WORKS

We'll have a cosy little area set up in the library. This special space will be reserved only for participants, Ruby, and the dog handler, so they can enjoy their reading time together with no interruptions.

Participants can bring their own book or choose one from the library to read to Ruby.

## BENEFITS

Reading to dogs improves reading skills, confidence, and fluency by providing a calm, non-judgmental, and supportive, pressure-free environment. The presence of a dog reduces anxiety, lowers stress levels (cortisol), and increases motivation to read, as dogs offer silent companionship without criticism.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The participant will always be supervised as the handler will always be present.

The participant will be reminded of basic dog safety before each session.

Ruby completed a behavioural and health care assessment by canine friends before being recruited into the programme.



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# READING TO RUBY

AT THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LIBRARY



This programme allows participants to practice reading in a calm space with no judgement.

Reading to a gentle dog can help people feel less worried about making mistakes. This helps grow confidence and improves reading.

## Thursday afternoon

Sessions available from  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**(BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)**

Starts 12<sup>th</sup> March

**All ages  
welcome**

## REGISTER:



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## Junior Swimming Results – Friday - 6/3/26

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>1.</b> <i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Girls – Freestyle</i>		
<b>Jayla</b>	<b>Ricky-Lee</b>	<b>Amaia</b>
<i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Boys – Freestyle</i>		
<b>Kaila</b>	<b>Jerome</b>	<b>Creedence</b>
<i>Yr 3 Girls – Freestyle</i>		
<b>Mylah-Rose</b>	<b>Waimarie</b>	<b>Te Aomarama</b>
<i>Yr 3 Boys – Freestyle</i>		
<b>Hiwaiterangi</b>	<b>Misty</b>	<b>Rohan</b>
<b>2.</b> <i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Girls – Cork Scramble</i>		
<b>Breeana</b>	<b>Ricky-Lee</b>	<b>Raiha &amp; Amaia</b>
<i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Boys – Cork Scramble</i>		
<b>Kaila, Te Manawa &amp; Creedence</b>	<b>Theo</b>	<b>Kaia</b>
<i>Yr 3 Girls – Cork Scramble</i>		
<b>Waimarie &amp; Te Aomarama</b>	<b>Mylah-Rose</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Boys – Cork Scramble</i>		
<b>Paora</b>	<b>Misty</b>	<b>Rohan &amp; Bless</b>
<b>3.</b> <i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Girls Kina Diving</i>		
<b>Te Amorangi &amp; Raiha</b>	<b>Ricky-Lee</b>	<b>Amaia</b>
<i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Boys Kina Diving</i>		
<b>Paora</b>	<b>Kaila</b>	<b>Jerome &amp; Theo</b>
<i>Yr 3 Girls - Kina Diving</i>		
<b>Waimarie &amp; Mylah-Rose</b>	<b>Te Aomarama</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Boys - Kina Diving</i>		
<b>Rohan</b>	<b>Hiwaiterangi</b>	<b>Misty &amp; Rangikamihia</b>

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	
<b>4.</b> <i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Girls – Floating</i>			
<b>Te Amorangi</b>	<b>Amaia</b>	<b>Jayla</b>	
<i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Boys – Floating</i>			
<b>Theo</b>	<b>Kyreed</b>	<b>Kaila</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Girls – Floating</i>			
<b>Waimarie</b>	<b>Mylah-Rose</b>	<b>Te Aomarama</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Boys – Floating</i>			
<b>Hiwaiterangi</b>	<b>Rangikamihia</b>	<b>Bless</b>	
<b>5.</b> <i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Girls – Flutter Board</i>			
<b>Ricky-Lee</b>	<b>Te Amorangi</b>	<b>Arkilah</b>	
<i>Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Boys – Flutter Board</i>			
<b>Jerome</b>	<b>Kyreed</b>	<b>Hikitanga</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Girls – Flutter Board</i>			
<b>Mylah-Rose</b>	<b>Waimarie</b>	<b>Te Aomarama</b>	
<i>Yr 3 Boys – Flutter Board</i>			
<b>Paora</b>	<b>Hiwaiterangi</b>	<b>Rohan</b>	
<b><i>House Points</i></b>			
<i>Participation = 10 Points</i>			
<b>Kahurangi</b>	<b>Kowhai</b>	<b>Kura</b>	<b>Pounamu</b>
<b>250</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>1st = 60 Points    2nd = 40 Points    3rd = 20 Points</b>			
<b>Kahurangi</b>	<b>Kowhai</b>	<b>Kura</b>	<b>Pounamu</b>
<b>680</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>250</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>930</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>890</b>

## Centennial Park School - Senior Swimming Sports Results

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
<b>1 Length Freestyle</b>			
8YR GIRLS	Maddison	Brooke-Lime	
8YR BOYS	Rhythem	Messiah	Siris
9YR GIRLS	Te Rangi	Te Ihipera	Jade-A
9YR BOYS	Hatta	Moses	Castiel
10YR GIRLS	Mareikura	Mareikura	
10YR BOYS	Blayz	Taiao	
11YR GIRLS	Maraea	Maraea	
11YR BOYS	Te Maunu	Arthur	
12YR GIRLS	Karmalay		
12YR BOYS	Clinton	Kingston	Kace
<b>1 Length Backstroke</b>			
8YR GIRLS	Maddison		
8YR BOYS	Siris	Rhythem	Messiah
9YR GIRLS	Te Rangi	Jade-A	Te Ihipera
9YR BOYS	Hatta		
10YR GIRLS	Mareikura		
10YR BOYS	Blayz	Taiao	
11YR GIRLS	Maraea		
11YR BOYS	Te Maunu		
12YR GIRLS	Karmalay		
12YR BOYS	Kace	Clinton	Kingston

## Centennial Park School - Senior Swimming Sports Results

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
<b>1 Length Breaststroke</b>			
8YR GIRLS	Maddison		
8YR BOYS	Rhythem	Waitapu	
9YR GIRLS	Te Rangi	Te Ihipera	Maunga
9YR BOYS	Hatta		
10YR GIRLS	Mareikura		
10YR BOYS	Blayz		
11YR GIRLS	Maraea		
11YR BOYS	Kingston	Nicholas	Clinton
12YR GIRLS	Karmalay		
12YR BOYS	Clinton		
<b>2 Length Freestyle</b>			
8YR GIRLS			
8YR BOYS	Rhythem		
9YR GIRLS	Te Rangi		
9YR BOYS			
10YR GIRLS			
10YR BOYS	Blayz		
11YR GIRLS	Maraea		
11YR BOYS			
12YR GIRLS	Karmalay		
12YR BOYS	Clinton	Kingston	

# Community Hauora

## Health & Wellbeing Expo

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Les Munro Centre Te Kuiti**

**10:00am - 3:00pm**

# Free Entry All Welcome

**Join us for a free, whanau-friendly community Hauora & Wellbeing Expo.**



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